



Thinking How Wonderfully Well It Suits Her Flower-Like Face.

The SMUGGLER

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SYNOPSIS.

Three girls—Elizabeth, Gabrielle and Elise—started for Canada to spend the summer there. On board steamer they were frightened by an apparently demented stranger, who, finding a bag belonging to one of them, took enjoyment in scrutinizing a photo of the trio. Elise averted her face from a Mrs. Graham, also bound for Canada. The young woman, a sightseeing tour met Mrs. Graham, anxiously awaiting her husband, who had a mania for sailing. They were introduced to Lord Wilfrid and Lady Edith. A cottage by the ocean was rented by the trio for the summer. Elizabeth learned that a friend of her father's was to call. Two men called, one of them being the queerest stranger on the steamer. The girls were "not at home," but discovered by the cards left that one of the men was Elizabeth's father's friend. The men proved to be John C. Blake and Gordon Bennett. The party was told of the search for smugglers in the vicinity of the cottage. Elise visited Mrs. Graham to find that her life was not the happiest. She learned that the Grahams and Lady Edith were acquainted. A wisp of yellow hair from Mrs. Graham's pocket fell into the hands of Elise. In the basement of the cottage and a moment later Mary Anne, their woman servant, entered, her arm bleeding. To assure them there was no danger, Mary Anne descended to the basement alone and quieted their fears. Lady Edith told the girls of a robbery of jewelry at the hotel. Fearing for the safety of her own gems, she left them in a safe in the cottage. Mr. Gordon Bennett was properly introduced, explained his queer avocations, returned the lost bag and told of mysterious doings of a year before connected with the cottage. Exploring the cellar, one of the girls found a spruce cuff-link, the exact counterpart of which both Gordon Bennett and Lady Edith were found to possess, also.

CHAPTER VII—Continued.

"Don't be 'opin' that, Miss Gabrielle," it was Mary Anne who spoke, and she stood listening to the story with disheolth in one hand and plate in the other. "Don't be 'opin' that. Remember the mother what bore 'im, and them that loves 'im, be 'e what 'e may."

"Well," said Gabrielle, "his mother should have brought him up better, that's all I've got to say about it; and I do hope he'll be caught and punished. Give us something good for lunch, won't you, Mary Anne? I'm starving."

"And, Elise," she continued, "I made an engagement for us all to go sailing this afternoon with the Campbells. And do you know—I almost forgot to tell you—the guests at the hotel had to submit to having their trunks searched. I think it was insulting, but Lady Edith said she thought it only right."

"But, Gabrielle," said Elizabeth, tucking her letter inside her shirt-waist, to be brought forth in private later, "you forgot I told Mr. Bennett he could bring his friend Mr. Blake this afternoon. I meant to have tea on the veranda."

"So you did. Well, we can all come home about four o'clock."

"And I'll be ready for you," promised Mary Anne, eagerly. "Don't you fear yourself, Miss Elizabeth; I'll have everything laid out and ready, and I'll make you some nice little cakes, too, and have 'em of and ready, fur well I know you'll be 'ungry."

So when Lord Wilfrid sailed to their little slip that afternoon he found us waiting for him and quite prepared for a good time. There was a nice breeze, and the sea was not too rough, so we thoroughly enjoyed ourselves and made a tour among the neighboring islands, admiring the handsome residences which they seemed to abound.

"But I would just as lieve have our cottage on the bluff as any of them," declared Elizabeth, contentedly, and we all agreed with her.

We sailed so near the American

shore that we could distinguish the signs on the wharf of the little town where the boat landed, and Gabrielle proposed going ashore and looking around a little. Lord Wilfrid bided himself with his sail for a moment, then turned and looked steadily at his sister.

"Shall we land, Edith?" he said. "The wind is dead against us, and it will take some time to tack back home again, but of course, if you think best, I am quite willing."

"Oh, I hardly think it would be wise, dear," she replied. "The girls have an engagement, you know. Some other time."

So we sailed home again, speculating as to which island Gordon Bennett owned, until we saw that gentleman himself embarking with his friend in an immaculate little launch, glistening with white paint and absolutely spotless in every respect. We learned later on that the islanders are quite as particular about the appearance of their boats as are the cottagers at Bar Harbor about their equipages, and that there is among them a friendly rivalry on the subject. We hailed him merrily and challenged him to race us home, and in spite of Lord Wilfrid's statement about the wind the boat cut through the water at a good pace. The salt spray dashed up in our faces and our hair blew into our eyes, but we did not care, for we reached the slip a full minute before Mr. Bennett, and could exult over his defeat even while obliged to admire his boat.

"But this is not the boat you left at the slip the day it stormed," remarked Gabrielle; "this is much newer—yes, and much prettier, but I believe the other is faster. When you race with us you must always take your swiftest boat, you know."

"But I can't race that boat, unfortunately," he returned, with a short laugh. "When I came to get it that morning it had vanished entirely—broken away, I suppose—and I had to go home in a fishing smack. I happened to be able to hire. I think it is very inopportune of you to keep your boat-house door locked."

"I think so, too," agreed Elizabeth, "and if I can ever remember it I am going to get a locksmith from the village and have it opened."

We were all ready to do justice to the nice hot cakes and tea Mary Anne had waiting for us, and we found Mr. Blake quite an acquisition. He was a quiet man, who, as Gabrielle said, always seemed to be about to make a brilliant remark and never did, but kept us on the alert waiting for it.

Lady Edith took off her hat and laid it on the chair beside her, and I picked it up, smoothing out the veil which was knotted around it and thinking how wonderfully well it suited her flower-like face. Suddenly I paused, however, for in the veil fastening the chiffon to the hat brim, I saw a small pin shaped like a key, and the counterpart of one link of my cuff button.

I was about to draw it out and ask her about it, for the design was unusual, when I saw a gray shadow cross her face and her eyes dilate strangely. She was looking beyond me, straight at Gordon Bennett, and I looked also, wondering greatly.

He was bending forward, cup in hand, talking to Gabrielle, and a ray from the setting sun reached the spoon, causing it to gleam as he moved it and insensibly attract the

eye. Something else gleamed also from his white cravat, and I saw that his scarf-pin was the head of the Sphinx in raised gold.

CHAPTER VIII.

"What I like best about Mary Anne," remarked Elizabeth appreciatively, "is that she is so dependable."

We were standing at my window, watching Mary Anne and a market basket disappear in the direction of the village. We regarded her broad back and deliberate movements with genuine affection, knowing that her foraging would be eminently successful and our larder satisfactorily stocked, which desirable result was not by any means certain to follow when we ourselves went to market.

Gabrielle and Elizabeth had their hats on and even carried gloves, which meant that something unusual was about to happen.

"If we had not made such a definite engagement with the Campbells, I would not go one step," announced Gabrielle. "I don't like to leave you alone with a headache."

"Of course you must go," I returned ruefully. "We have set too many times and been disappointed to put it off again. Then, too, remember Lord Wilfrid is to meet you over there at lunch, and as he must have already started, there is no way of letting him know. I will be all right when you come home, but it is too bad."

For this was the day agreed upon, after various disappointments, for a shopping expedition to the small town across the water. We intended to take advantage of the little steamer that crossed every morning and returned every afternoon, explore the place, and invest in a few articles the village could not supply. Lady Campbell and her brother were to join us, and we anticipated a very jolly time.

I was therefore awfully disappointed when I awakened that morning with the dull pain in my eyeballs I have reason to respect and treat with every deference. While the girls made their toilets, protesting vigorously against leaving me alone, I rested my heavy head against the window frame and tried to calculate how long it would probably be before my brain felt clear again and life would seem worth living.

"It is the kindest thing you can do for me," I said at last. "I prefer to be alone when my head aches. When you get off I will take something and lie down, and Mary Anne will make me some tea for lunch. By the time you come home tired and rather cross I shall be all freshly dressed and as cool and comfortable as possible. Now, if you don't start, you will miss your boat."

They finally set out, and I watched them walk down the path toward the village. Both were tall and slender, but there the resemblance ceased entirely. Gabrielle was strictly tailored-made from shoe to hat, but Elizabeth inclined toward softening the severity of such costumes by various feminine devices very telling in their effect, especially upon the masculine element of society.

When Gabrielle turned and waved her tightly-rolled silk umbrella in a farewell salute, I thought her plain, well-fitting skirt and jacket, immaculately severe linen shirt waist, stiff cravat and trim little hat with its knot of ribbon and long black veil, the only correct costume for any one. But when Elizabeth also turned and raised her red parasol I was not so sure, for the pretty tan-colored skirt and short Eton jacket, the dainty white blouse, and the light straw hat with a red rose under the brim, were certainly very becoming, as well as entirely suitable.

I lay quite still for some hours, then found myself gradually reviving and with a strong desire for a cup of tea. The house seemed very quiet, and though I opened my door and called several times there was no response. I was forced to conclude that Mary Anne had taken advantage of our intended absence to spend the day in the village, not knowing I had remained at home.

I therefore got up and went down to the kitchen to see what I could find; for I had eaten no breakfast, and felt that I would now be all the better for a little food.

The fire was out, and the prospects discouraging to one disinclined to make much of an effort; but I found some crackers, and remembered that Mary Anne had mentioned putting the milk on the hanging shelf in the cellar, so I got a glass and went after it, cracker jar in hand.

The cellar had been well aired and was much less damp and musty than on my previous visit. Also, the litter of boxes and other rubbish had been neatly piled along the wall, and the whole place seemed more habitable. The sea breeze swept through the open windows until the hanging shelf creaked on its rusty chains, and a ray of sunlight penetrated the dark recess, almost reaching the packing case at the end.

I found the milk and filled my glass, then wandered aimlessly into the recess, sat down upon an upturned box, and began my lunch. I do not understand why I should have elected to do this, when the entire house was at my disposal, but sometimes one obeys an impulse without any tangible reason for doing so.

As I sat contentedly nibbling a cracker and sipping the milk I heard voices, muffled but quite distinct, as though on the other side of a thin partition. At first I was alarmed, but in an instant I recognized Mary Anne's familiar tones and was correspondingly relieved, although her whereabouts was still a mystery.

"Now, then," said a man's voice impatiently, "don't let's have a scene, and, for heaven's sake, don't turn on the waterworks—this place is damp enough already."

"Oh, Willy, my dear, dear boy," she said appealingly; "don't go for to be short w' me—don't, now!"

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Suspicious.

"Dad," began Tommy, "haven't I been real good since I've been going to Sunday school?"

"Yes," answered dad.

"And you trust me now, don't you?"

"Yes," said dad.

"Then," demanded Tommy, "what makes you say 'your box of cigars hid the same as a spy'?"

DEMOCRATS TO BLOCK HADLEY

ALL APPOINTMENTS WILL BE HELD UP, ACCORDING TO CAUCUS DECISION.

SKINNER AFFAIR IS THE CAUSE

After Amending Eighteen Sections of the Walmesley Fish and Game Law the House Committee of the Whole Give Up.

Jefferson City.—In a two-hour caucus Thursday afternoon the Democratic senators agreed to withhold confirmation of Gov. Hadley's appointments. The caucus was a stormy one, a number of the senators wanting confirmation to be agreed to.

The conference was called to satisfy several Democrats, who believe the appointments should be acted on. The cause of the holdup is the governor's refusal to name a successor to Election Commission Skinner of St. Louis, according to the wishes of the Democrats.

Only one appointment of consequence by the present administration has been confirmed. That one was Henry Kortjohn Jr., who was appointed only after Attorney General Major rendered an opinion to the effect that Carlisle was not entitled to the seat. Major hardly had made known his opinion before the governor named a Republican for the place.

Lloyd Bill Asks \$604,900.

Jefferson City.—The first bill drafted by the house appropriations committee, carrying an appropriation of \$604,900, has been presented by Hiram Lloyd, of St. Louis, chairman of the committee. In it the civil officers and their departments are provided for. This is a net increase of \$20,200 over the appropriation two years ago. The departments and the money they are to receive are:

Executive	\$25,600
Judicial	393,800
State	42,300
Treasury	54,800
Education	22,000
Railroad and Warehouse	22,000
Militia	10,000
Permanent staff of government	2,400
Labor statistics	4,000
Mine Inspector	18,000
Excise Commission, St. Louis	10,000

Total \$604,900

This is a decrease of \$500 for the secretary of state and an increase of \$10,400 for the judicial, \$4,200 for the treasury, \$200 for the military and \$2,600 for the mine inspector.

House Drops Game Bill.

Jefferson City.—After considering the Walmesley fish and game law in the committee of the whole for the past two days, the house quit after 18 out of 76 sections had been gone over and amended.

The house decided to let the bill go until the identical measure from the senate is received, when it is agreed that both bills will be considered. Fifty amendments had been offered to the bill, but only five of them were adopted.

Urges Aid to Education.

Jefferson City.—Mayor Fessler, secretary of the Civic League of St. Louis and representative of a similar organization in Kansas City, appeared before the house committee on education and urged favorable consideration of a constitutional amendment to take off the age limit at which those seeking knowledge may attend the night schools in cities of 100,000 population and over.

Tuberculosis Bill Doomed.

Jefferson City.—There is no prospect for the passage of a bill introduced Thursday by Senator Kirkney for appropriating \$10,000 for a state tuberculosis commission.

The rule is to pass no bills making appropriation for purposes of this kind. The inclusion of the appropriation is equivalent to killing the commission creation bill.

Muir Bill Engrossed.

Jefferson City.—The house Thursday unanimously sent the Muir bill, providing for a state board of control to engrossment. The measure provides for a board to manage all state institutions.

April 9 Set As Arbor Day.

Jefferson City.—Governor Hadley Thursday issued a proclamation setting Friday, April 9, as Arbor Day. The governor asks that every school in the state set out at least one tree on the school grounds.

New Constitution.

Jefferson City.—The house committee on constitutional amendments Tuesday unanimously reported in favor of the proposed amendment to provide for a new constitution for the state.

The movement for a new constitution has grown rapidly during the past few weeks. As indicated before, it seems to be the only way, even if this avails to prevent the submission of a statewide prohibition amendment.

Three Revenue Bills Up.

Jefferson City.—Three revenue bills, following the message of Governor Hadley Monday, were introduced in the senate Tuesday. One by Senator Gardner increases the beer inspection tax from 1/2 to 1 cent per barrel. Another by Senator Grimes levies inspection tax on distilled liquors.

The other, by Senator Anthony is the bill requiring all property to be returned for assessment at full value, under heavy penalties for false returns.

Puts Lid on Divorce Grounds.

Jefferson City.—The divorce mill will grind slowly in Missouri if the bill introduced by Representative Johnson, of Vernon county, in the house becomes a law. It limits the grounds upon which an absolute divorce may be obtained to infidelity.

Countless other reasons now advanced for the divorce will, under the Johnson bill, entitle mismatched couples to only legal separations. The proposed law is patterned in many respects after the New York law, said to be the most drastic divorce statute in the country.

Another bank guaranty bill bobbed up in the house. It is fostered jointly by Representatives Carter and Miller. Similar bills previously offered have expired in the committee rooms.

Immigration Bill Urged.

Jefferson City.—A large delegation from St. Louis is in Jefferson City urging the passage of the McDavid bill establishing a state board of immigration. The delegation has appeared before the senate committee on immigration, which reported favorably the bill.

The measure provides for a board of three members, to be named by the governor, which shall advise the resources and in every possible way induce proper immigration to the state. Under the provisions of the act the chairman is to receive a salary of \$2,000 annually, while the other members will get only their traveling expenses.

Dollar Tax Bill Fails.

Jefferson City.—The senate committee on private corporations, at a meeting held Wednesday night, voted to report the Eads bill to tax corporations \$10 on the \$1,000 capitalization adversely. Gov. Hadley recommends the taxing of corporations, but favors a tax of about 25 cents on the \$1,000 capitalization. The Muir bill in the house will be amended to meet his approval.

Wednesday night Senator Gardner said that he would probably draw a new bill to meet the governor's suggestions and introduce it. It is estimated that a tax of 25 cents would yield the state about \$500,000 annually.

New White Plague Bill.

Jefferson City.—Another step towards the prevention of tuberculosis was taken with the introduction of a bill in the house of representatives by Dr. Porth of Cole county for a commission of seven to investigate the causes and approved methods of prevention and cure. The appointments are to be made by the governor for a term of six years. The commissioners are to serve without pay, only their expenses being paid out of an appropriation of \$15,000 provided in the bill.

When the commission obtains information that should be given to the public it is authorized to publish its data in the newspapers, in magazines, through pamphlets, furnish stereoscopic views of their research, showing charts and diagrams of work done in the direction they are authorized to work.

Would Pension Teachers.

Jefferson City.—The senate Tuesday adopted the joint concurrent resolution submitting to the people of the state a constitutional amendment authorizing boards of education to pension superannuated teachers.

Senator Dowell strongly opposed the resolution, which was managed on the floor by Senator Metheny. After an enlightening explanation by Senator Gardner the resolution carried by a vote of 23 to 6.

Gardner told the senate that the people of St. Louis are anxious to pension their old teachers, if given authority to do so.

Jefferson City.—In spite of an adverse report from the ways and means committee, the house Tuesday placed the Muir corporation tax bill on the calendar. Representative Muir declared he will amend the bill to make the tax 25 cents and will exclude building and loan associations from its provisions.

Opposes Mechanics' Lien Repeal.

Jefferson City.—W. H. Saunders representing about forty material concerns of St. Louis, appeared before the house committee on judiciary to oppose the pending bills doing away with the liens of mechanics and material men.

Antifraternity Bill Gets Blow.

Jefferson City.—Greek letter fraternities in the public schools will continue to thrive if the senate committee on education has its way. The committee reported adversely the bill prohibiting them in the schools.

Bible Bill Gets Nine Votes.

Jefferson City.—The senate refused to pass the Stark bill, requiring the reading of a portion of the Bible each day in the public schools. The bill received but nine votes.

Senate Passes Insurance Bill.

Jefferson City.—The "interinsurance bill," which authorizes persons, firms or corporations to exchange indemnity for mutual protection in the event of fire, was passed by the senate. The measure was fathered by Senator Casey, of Kansas City.

Other bills passed by the senate were:

Increasing the salaries of circuit judges, outside of St. Louis, from \$2,000 and \$1,200 expenses to a lump sum of \$3,000.

Represents Insurance Exchange.

Jefferson City.—Former State Senator John M. Williams of California representing the insurance exchange of St. Louis, Wednesday registered as a lobbyist to oppose all legislation deemed inimical to insurance.

Favorable Report on Grain Bill.

Jefferson City.—The house committee on agriculture will report favorably the bill by Representative Stanley to provide for state inspection and weighing of grain at public warehouses in the large cities of the state.

Slightly Mixed.

Little Oliver, six years old, had learned the song in which is oft repeated the refrain: "Glory, glory, hallelujah," and for some time he had been singing it with great enthusiasm and vigor. Finally he became silent, and after a brief period of cogitation he said:

"Mamma, what does 'hallelujah' mean?"

As simply as she could his mother explained that it was a religious exclamation meaning "praise the Lord." He seemed rather surprised at the information, but his next question of fered ample explanation of why he had thrown so much vigor into his singing. "If that's what it means," he said, "why do they throw corn and have jack lanterns on hallelujah night?"

Satisfactory Ending.

"How was your speech received at the club?" asked one of Chumley's friends as they walked along the Broadway at Hamersmith. "Why, they congratulated me very heartily. In fact, one of the members came to me and told me that when I sat down he had said to himself it was the best thing I had ever done."—Tit-Bits.

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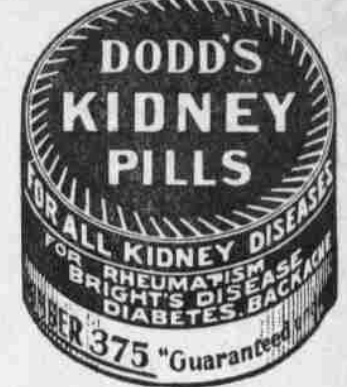
Butler—Pardon this interruption, but there is a deputation of unemployed waiting for you at the door.

His Excellency—Tell the people to go home quietly. (Drains a glass of champagne.) People in this world can get on very well without work—at least I find it so.

Sex Question.

Benham—The paper tells of a woman whose dress was made of postage stamps.

Mrs. Benham—I thought postage stamps were used only on mail matter.



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